

Letter from Alexander Graham Bell to Mabel Hubbard Bell, June 24, 1911

Beinn Bhreagh, near Baddeck, Nova Scotia. June 24, 1911. Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, 1331 Conn. Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C. Dear Mabel:

I have just heard that "Mrs. Grosvenor" is expected to arrive here on Tuesday. I wonder whether this means that Elsie is coming with the children; or are the children coming alone or with Bert. Anyway I accept this as a notice to vacate Pansy Lodge. The kite house office has now been fitted up and I expect to remove there on Monday.

Lena McCurdy is here now paying me a little visit at Pansy Lodge office — also her e close friend and constant attendant General Wolfe.

Mr. Davidson, Mr. Manchester and I spent the forenoon on the top of for the mountain examining the spotted four-horned sheep.

John McKillop's old cottage is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Wills — the bride and bridegroom of Beinn Bhreagh. Mr. Wills is one of Davidson's men, a very little fellow, and almost a boy in appearance, His wife, to whom I believe he was engaged in England before they came out here, is also young and quite pretty and rather refined looking.

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Mr. Byrnes has made for me a model of a hydro-aeroplane, I propose to try by towing behing motor boat. Instead of being provided with hydroplanes, the deck of the boat is inclined so as to form an aeroplane. The hull or rather hulls consist of thin boards on edge to typify the deep type of displacement boat and I rely on the pressure of the air to produce an upward lift on the under side of the deck; and this lift should reduce the displacement and cause the boat to rise and increase its speed just as in the case of

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the hydro-surfaces: But there will be nothing in the water but clean hulls so shaped as to reduce their resistance to onward motion to a minimum.

Mr. Manchester has three of our old 5n ewes running on the mountain with the spotted four-horned sheep. One of these had twins this Spring; a Bm 6n tw, and a wf 5n tw. We will take the six-nippled male lamb into our flock at the Point. He has four horns, and will appear as No. 21 A.

The Zulu lambs, fifteen in number, are beautiful creatures, all speckled.

Zulu Lambs Bonn BB 1911

Rams

1.sp m 4n × 4hr

2.sp m 4n × 4hr

3.sp m 4n × 2hr

4.sp m 3n × 2hr

5.sp m 2n × 4hr

6.sp m 5n × 2hr

7.sp m 4n × 2hr

8.sp m 4n × 3hr

Ewes

1.sp f 4n × 4hr

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2.sp f 4n x 4hr

3.sp f 5n x 4hr

4.sp f 4n x 4hr

5.sp f 3n x 2hr

6.sp f 3n x 2hr

7.sp f 3n x 4hr

We will keep all the four-horned rams and Ewes and sell the others.

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This will leave us three four-horned ram lambs and five four-horned ewe lambs. Total eight speckled four-horned lambs.

Of the older speckled sheep we have on Beinn Bhreagh four rams and seventeen ewes. The following table gives the result of our examination of these sheep:

Rams

("The Young Admiral") sp m 3n x 4hr (6.1908)

(Born BB 1910) sp m 4n x 4hr

" " " sp m 5n x 2hr

" " " sp m 4n x 2hr

We will keep the two four-horned rams and sell the others.

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Ewes

1. sp f 2n x 4hr
2. sp f 3n x 4hr
3. sp f 4n x 4hr
4. sp f 5n x 5hr
5. sp f 3n x 4hr
6. sp f 4n x 4hr
7. sp f 4n x 2hr
8. sp f 3n x 2hr
9. sp f 2n x 2hr
10. sp f 3n x 2hr
11. sp f 3n x 2hr
12. sp f 2n x 2hr
13. sp f 2n x 2hr
14. sp f 2n x 2hr
15. sp f 2n x 2hr
16. sp f 3n x 2hr

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17. sp f 4n x 0hr

We will keep all these ewes for the present.

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Speckled Flock Retained on B. B.

2 Rams

3 Rams-lambs

Total 5 Rams

17 Ewes

5 Ewe-lambs

22 Ewes

Speckled Sheep to be Sold

2 Rams

5 Ram-lambs

2 Ewe-lambs

Total 9 to be sold

I wonder whether Daisy and David still want to have some of these speckled four-horned sheep on their place "In the Woods"

Your loving Alec. In the Scientific American, for June 17, 1911, page 602 there is an article entitled "Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's Ice Stove." — Keeping the Thermometer at 65

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— By William Atherton Du Puy. This is the first public notice that has been taken of my Washington cold air experiments.